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Dear Examiner Oni:

Attached please find an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.121 for the above referenced matter.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Aretha L. Pierre
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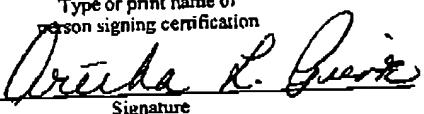
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 7, 2006 having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on May 8, 2006 (May 7, 2006 being a Sunday), please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.